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Cleanup follows storm

Homes, trailers are damaged by high winds

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The high winds and possible tornadoes in Monday evening's storms ripped roofs off buildings and left thousands without power Tuesday.

Another storm system was expected in the area Wednesday, bringing the threat of more of the same.

The tornado, which the National Weather Service said was a category F-1 storm, actually touched down in Edwardsville about 6:20 p.m. Monday.

In Granite City, the storm hit the

Nameoki Trailer Court on Baden Road, toppling a large tree onto a trailer. Randy's Tree Service spent Tuesday cleaning up toppled trees.

In the 2100 block of Bryan Avenue, several homes were damaged. High winds drove a two-by-four board into the wall of a house at 2129 Bryan, said Rose King of Granite City. The property, owned by her nephew, Garland Hankins Jr., was empty at the time.

"There was also a storage shed on his lawn (blown) from five homes away," she said.

King owns the property next door, at

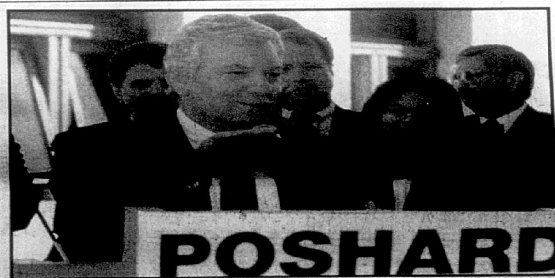
2127 Bryan. Shingles on the back side of the house were blown off, she said.

Damage in Granite City so far is esti (See STORM, Page 3A)

A large maple tree fell on Wilma Bertram's house trailer in the Quality Beach Homes development, at right, during the storms Monday evening, demolishing it. Bertram was at work when the tree fell and escaped injury.



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Gubernatorial candidate Glenn Poshard speaks to Democrats Tuesday in Edwardsville.

Democratic slate strong, Poshard says

Candidates make appearance in Edwardsville

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

With his voice straining, gubernatorial candidate U.S. Rep. Glenn Poshard stressed the strength of the Democratic Party's statewide slate Tuesday at the Madison County Courthouse in Edwardsville.

Poshard, who will face Secretary of State George Ryan on Nov. 3, led the statewide slate of Democratic candidates on a two-day, 15-stop bus tour Monday and Tuesday.

Also speaking at Edwardsville were U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello; Mary Lou Kearns, candidate for lieutenant governor; attorney gener-

al candidate Miriam Santos; Jesse White, secretary of state candidate; and comptroller candidate Dan Hynes.

U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun had spent Monday with the tour, but had other commitments on Tuesday. Although not there with the other candidates, she was praised by Poshard, who said she "has a record of good, solid representation for the state of Illinois."

Poshard also praised the Democratic ticket.

"We have a great ticket here that we can all support," he said.

"Five generations ago my father and my mother's family came to

this country starving to death, with nothing," he said. "America offered them the greatest opportunities in the world and they offered their children those opportunities. If we stand for anything as Democrats, it's to embrace the notion that America's strength is in its diversity."

"We couldn't be more balanced in this party if we all sat down right here and tried to put a ticket that reflects the face of Illinois better than this ticket does," he said.

He also talked about the "basic principles" the ticket stands for, including fiscal responsibility, an (See POSHARD, Page 6A)

Dunbar cleanup begins

Long-term goal is development of community center

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

While it may not look much better on the outside, the old Dunbar School in Venice is a lot cleaner on the inside, and that's a start.

Workers from the Venice and Madison street departments and the Sheriff Work Alternative Program spent Wednesday morning cleaning up the "newer" portion of the school.

Former Venice Alderman Michael Terrell recently approached the City Council seeking approval and funding to clean up and secure the building.

His long-range goal is some kind of a youth or community center at the site.

Most of the cleanup was completed

Wednesday, and Terrell said he had volunteers who would be coming in to secure the building sometime in the next week.

"The city has provided funding to buy the material with, and I've got a lot of volunteers to help board it up," Terrell said.

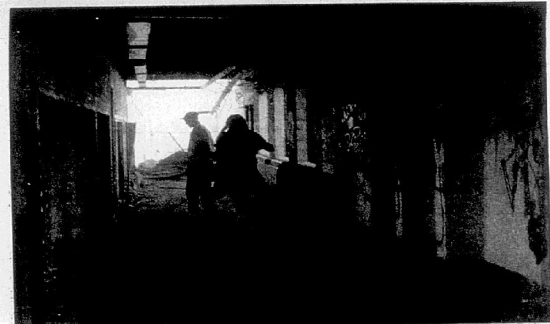
"Once we get it cleaned up, we'll go from there," he said. "Our final goal is to make this into a community youth center. If you look around, you can see that there is absolutely

nothing for the kids to do in this environment."

The entire Dunbar property, which sits in both Madison and Venice, has been the subject of discussion for years.

The Madison side was cleaned up some time ago, and city officials are eyeing the ground as a potential location for its new housing program, but nothing has been done with the remaining sections of the school. (See DUNBAR, Page 5A)

At right, workers with the Sheriff Work Alternative Program clean up the corridor at the old Dunbar School in Venice Wednesday. Volunteers are expected to come in within the next week to secure the building.



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In training — Senior Airman Rich Perkins of Scott Air Force Base prepares to attack during a mock training session in Alpena, Mich. Story, photos on Page 1C.

MARK HODAPP / Press-Record

Dog captures fleeing suspect

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

A police canine caught a Granite City man wanted by police for attempting to abduct his ex-wife.

John E. Thebeau, 34, was arrested late Tuesday after attempting to run from police.

"He ran every time we saw him," said Maj. Kip Pomeroy of the Granite City Police.

He was apprehended after a foot pursuit. A canine did a track on him, and found him under a porch. He refused to come out so the canine dragged him out.

He is charged with aggravated unlawful restraint for trying to force his ex-wife into a car Sunday on the parking lot of Sports Tap, 916 Niedringhaus Ave., and holding her

against her will with a firearm, Pomeroy said.

According to police, Thebeau tricked his ex-wife into coming to the parking lot by telling her he had a set of keys that belonged to her.

When they approached the car, Thebeau allegedly drew a weapon and put a headlock on the victim. He then dragged her to the car.

The victim told police Thebeau told her she would have to watch while he killed himself. She was able to escape Thebeau's head lock. He caught her by her hair but she escaped again for good.

Police soon searched for the suspect and attempted to arrest him but he ran away. Police eventually called in the dog unit, which resulted in Thebeau's arrest. Thebeau is being held on \$50,000 bond.

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OPINION

FARM GUY

Project very successful in assisting farmers

The farming season is just around the corner and, after a long winter, we are ready to get started with the spring planting.

Unfortunately, this is also the time of year when we start to hear reports of farm accidents and that brings me to what I want to tell you about.

Recently, I attended a program in Springfield put on by the Illinois Rural Health Association. When I was invited to cover this particular meeting, I was just a little apprehensive about what this had to do with farming and me, the Farm Guy. This was the ninth such meeting of this organization and seemed to me that it was truly a success. Somewhere around 500 people were in attendance, many involved in some type of health care service.

There was a wide variety of displays about rural health issues and seminars were conducted of this organization's major issues. I attended one that had specialists involved in the mega-hog farm in which the pros and cons of the issue were discussed. That's a topic for another day.

The display that I found to be very interesting and that I was not really too familiar with was the AgrAbility Project, which promoted success in agriculture for people with disabilities and their families.

Let me tell you a little about the job they do, or I should say the services they provide. As we have said many times, agriculture production is hazardous. We have already determined that.

The National Agriculture Statistics Service estimates that more than 200,000 farmers, ranchers, and other agriculture workers experience injuries and occupation-related illnesses every year. A sizable percentage of these injuries are serious and have permanent consequences. The report



David Schumacher

tells us that as many as 500 have disabilities that interfere with their ability to perform tasks that are necessary on the farm.

That's where the AgrAbility Project comes in. First, a little history. The project is authorized through a provision in the 1990 farm bill. Each year, grants are awarded to select state university-based Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Services. The program assists farmers with not only overcoming physical disabilities but many other physical and mental disabilities. They include such things as arthritis, cancer, respiratory problems, blindness or vision impairments, strokes and others.

The program is available in about 22 states, including Illinois and Missouri. The programs are not just for the farmer himself but for dependents as well.

I saw pictures of some of the projects that the program has assisted in, such as a wheel chair lift on a tractor and combine, workshops made accessible to wheel chairs, lifts that made moving heavy objects easier, and many more. If you or someone you know might be in need of some help along these lines, you can find out more through your county extension service offices.

David Schumacher is the farm director for 550 KTRS AM radio in St. Louis. His e-mail address is farmguy@juno.com.

SOUND OFF!

Against bans

I'm a smoker and 42 years old. I am asking all smokers over age 21 to stand up for their rights. I am also against teenage smoking, but I do not think that punishing adult smokers with excessive taxes and silly laws and bans is the way to go about it. Anyone that thinks the way I do, please contact your local, federal and state congressmen and put a stop to the ban of smoking in public areas. We have rights, too.

Other options

I'm calling in regard to the banning of leaf burning in Collinsville. I'm very happy that the council has agreed to this. I think this was a nuisance — people burning leaves. However, I do think that something needs to be done about giving people other options of disposing of the leaves, instead of having to pay for the leaves to be picked up.

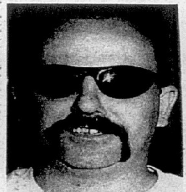
Bad publicity

I think in the Collinsville Herald, dated March 26, in the "Sound Off!" opinion, somebody is wrong. Let's keep out the clowns. Don Koonce didn't say anything about the clowns nor did he say anything about "Grease." It was Evans Newstrom who was doing the talking on that. Don Koonce, I think, is getting very bad publicity for no reason at all. The one that should be getting the bad publicity is Mr. (Thomas) Christie and his ever-loving traveling fire chief.

To call the Journal "Sound Off!" line, dial 277-9522 and leave your message. We won't print personal attacks or unfair criticism of individuals or businesses.

VOICE BOX

How much money would you need to consider yourself rich?



"When you're married with children, you could never be too rich."

Mike Grant, 37
Fairview Heights
Scientist



"\$10 million. That would be enough to buy the things I wanted and still give a lot away."

Tammy Wassell, 31
Fairview Heights
Manager
Joe's Carpets



"When I had enough money that I didn't have to worry about what things cost before I buy them."

Nancy Wassell, 52
Collinsville
Homemaker



"Money is not important. It's the really cool toys I care about."

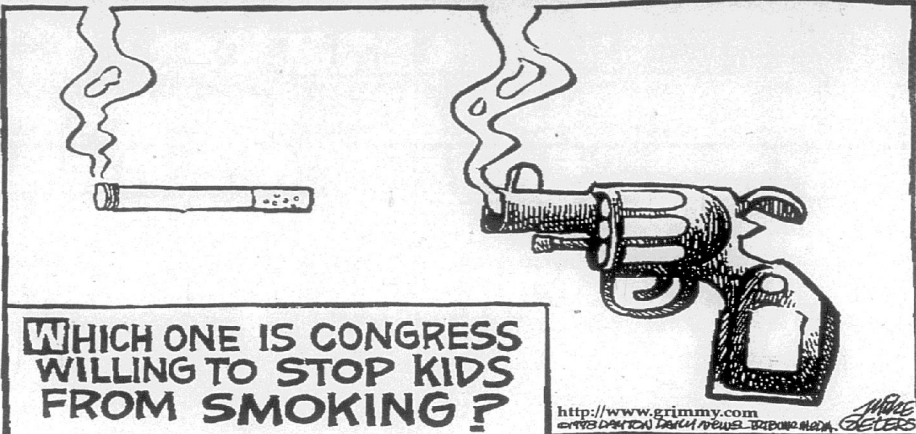
Jeff Ashmann, 30
St. Louis
Sales representative



"None, because if you don't have any money you have peace of mind."

Phil Hudson, 39
Edwardsville
Pollution prevention specialist

Photos and interviews by T.W. Miller
Interviewed in Collinsville



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dog was important

TO THE EDITOR:

Inconsideration. That is the perfect word for our fast-paced society that we live in today. I spent the entire weekend looking for our wandering dog, Samantha, our dog, walked away from our home late (one recent) afternoon while we played outside.

We panicked when we realized she was gone. You see Sam (our dog) did not know she was a dog, she simply thought she was the youngest member of our family. She ate when we ate, she slept when we slept, she watched television, chased the vacuum and vacationed with us. She was a very important member of our family. Late (on March 28) as my husband drove the car looking for her, my children and I walked the neighborhood for hours. We began our search again on (March 29) at 5:30 a.m. and looked most of the day.

(On March 30) I received a call at work from the city, that on Saturday our dog was hit and killed. Our dog, Sam, was a beautiful golden retriever, weighing 70 pounds and no one even stopped. The difference between a stray and a pet is usually very clear on sight. The weight of our dog would have impacted the car who hit it. Why didn't they stop? Why weren't we given the chance to save her? Are people so inconsiderate they don't care about animals?

If the person who hit our Sam on 28th and Madison Avenue (that day) reads this, the realization of the pain you have caused should slow you down. My children are heartbroken, their buddy has died. Imagine the pain they would feel if they knew that you were in such a big hurry you didn't even stop.

The next time you jump into the car and run off to the next place or appointment, keep in

mind that you may seriously alter someone's life without ever meeting them.

THE MICKS
Granite City

Seatbelts vital

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to make the residents of our city aware of a problem among the parents of our children that I have been observing for some time.

I am a grandmother and a great-grandmother. It really bothers me that so many parents do not seem aware of how dangerous it is for children to be riding in vehicles without seat belts.

I have a grandchild who attends Prather Elementary School. Since her mother works, I pick her up at school two to three days per week. While waiting for her to come out of the school, I have noticed the actions of parents with their children. I realized that most of them were not having their children buckle their seat belts and neither were the parents doing so themselves. Don't parents know that seat belts save lives or don't they care?

One day I saw a man with three small children approach a pickup truck. One child got into the front seat (without buckling up) while two children climbed into the back of the truck and sat on the wheel covers. Had that man hit a bump (the children could have) been thrown out and would be dead today.

Yesterday, I decided to make note of exactly how many parents, friends and grandparents were making use of seat belts and how many were not. I reached the number of 45 before my granddaughter arrived. Of course, of the 45, 42 did not use seat belts for themselves nor for the precious cargo they were transporting. Two parents buckled their own seat belts and made sure their children did, also.

We have seat belts laws in

this state for a good reason. If people aren't worried about following the law, they should at least be worried about the children they are supposed to love.

I hope this letter will be printed or used in some way to make the parents of this city more aware of the dangers they are creating by not buckling their own seat belts and by not teaching their children to do so.

PHYLLIS J. PEPILLER
Granite City

Giving relief

TO THE EDITOR:

The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) would like to commend Rep. Steve Davis, Rep. Thom Holbrook and Rep. Wyvetter H. Young for supporting the Electric Service Customers Choice and Rate Relief Act of 1997. This new law will reduce electric rates for consumers across the state and finally bring competition to Illinois' electric industry.

Under the law, rates for residential customers of Commonwealth Edison and Illinois Power, the state's largest and most expensive utilities, will be reduced by a total of 20 percent, 15 percent this August and an additional 5 percent cut in May 2002 — the largest rate reduction anywhere in the nation. Residential customers of other utilities will see total savings of at least 5 percent off today's rates.

But that's not all, along with ordering the largest rate cut in the nation, the legislation will open up Illinois' electric industry to competition, a change that should lower rates further in years to come. And the bill includes tough consumer protections to safeguard rate payers from the kinds of scams and hassles they've seen with the break up of the phone industry.

The new law provides real benefits for people right away not just the vague promise of lower rates in the future. In

fact, total savings for residential customers will approach \$6 billion by 2002. That's something all legislators who supported the bill can be proud of.

JONATHAN GOLDMAN
President

Not like Carol

TO THE EDITOR:

In a recent "Carol's Comments" column, "Don't Preach About Morals," she blasted John Ashcroft for promoting "moral leadership."

My reaction to Ashcroft's comments were just the opposite of Carol's. I thought, "Now, there is someone who has some integrity and is worthy of my support."

Just yesterday, I talked to a man who is getting out of the Air Force.

One of the reasons for his decision was the apparent double standard of the command-in-chief and the code of military justice that governs the behavior of all military personnel.

Personally, I think it's disgusting and an embarrassment to the United States of America that much of our recent news headlines have been dominated by alleged improper behavior by our President.

Millions of dollars and countless hours of productivity are wasted, not to mention the violence and emotional devastation that results because of a lack of high moral standards.

Obviously, Ashcroft has the courage to state his convictions, and not do what so many politicians do, namely, tell people one thing in one part of the country and something much different in another part of the country.

So, encourage everyone, including politicians, to use the influence that he or she possesses to raise the moral standard of our country and improve the quality of life of our citizens.

TED SCHOTT
Collinsville

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AROUND THE AREA

Here's what happened around the Metro East in the past week:

Belleville

Volkman named fire chief

A new fire chief for Belleville recently was announced by Mayor Mark Kern. Assistant Fire Chief Ronald Volkman will take the place of Fire Chief Mike Hawthorne. Hawthorne is retiring May 8 after 28 years of service to the department.

Hawthorne was appointed chief in 1996 following the resignation of Rich Rutawitz. Volkman, 55, also has been employed with the Belleville Fire Department for 28 years. Volkman and Hawthorne hired on as firefighters just one day apart from each other in September of 1969.

Cahokia

Village drafts harassment ordinance

The Cahokia Board of Trustees is considering a sexual harassment policy for village employees. The board is reviewing the ordinance and will make any revisions at the April 21 meeting.

The ordinance defines sexual harassment as any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or any occasion when such conduct is used as a condition for employment, the basis for decisions affecting employment or to create a hostile working environment.

Examples include demeaning looks, jokes, innuendos, suggestive comments and requests for sexual favors.

When employees believe they have been harassed, they must fill out a report and give it to the offender's supervisor. The supervisor will then submit the report to the mayor's office.

Centreville

Volunteer firemen charged

Two Centreville firefighters have been charged with setting fires, and more arrests will be made in the near future, police said Monday.

On Saturday, Curtis Davis, 32, and Charlie Carter, 27, both of Centreville, were charged with felony arson based on an anonymous tip. Carter is charged with 11 counts, and Davis is charged with five. Both confessed to setting the fires, authorities said.

Carter and Davis face six to 30 years in prison. Both are volunteer firefighters with the Church Road Fire Department, one of five departments that serve the Centreville-Alorton area.

"They pretty much wanted to set the fires and put them out to become heroes," Police Chief Curtis McCall said late Monday.

All of the fires were at abandoned buildings, and 15 of them were within one mile of the Church Road fire station at 1039 S. 39th St.

Residents moving into Patriots Landing

By Cheryl A. Moody
Staff writer

Vickie Hall is happy about her recent move into a new home at Patriots Landing — the new military housing complex at Scott Air Force Base.

Hall, along with her five children and husband, made the move on March 22 from Cardinal Creek, the base's housing complex built in the mid-1950s.

"I think it's great," Hall said. "It's 100 percent better."

Hall has been anticipating the move to Patriots Landing for almost three years.

"We moved here in July 1995 to Cardinal Creek. We knew then that we would eventually move to Patriots Landing," Hall said.

Bill Reid, Hall's new neighbor from Barksdale Air Force

Base in Louisiana, said the townhouse duplex was "small, but sweet." They are equipped with dishwashers, gas ranges, refrigerators, garbage disposals, small back patios, and attached garages.

Tom Goode, resident project manager for Patriots Landing through FAMS-Swordrup, said the construction of the new complex began in early 1995.

Patriots Landing is made up of seven different villages with village one, two and three for junior non-commissioned officers and villages six and seven for senior non-commissioned officers.

A total of 798 units are located in the villages, with village seven being eight families shy of being fully occupied. There are 88, three-bedroom units in village seven.

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East St. Louis

Checkers tourney draws 200 to city

Last month, players from throughout the Midwest gathered for the East St. Louis Township Checker Players' National Checkers Tournament at the Clyde C. Jordan Senior Citizens Center in East St. Louis.

The tournament drew about 30 contestants from Chicago, Kansas City, Memphis, Tenn.; Springfield, Ill.; and the St. Louis metropolitan area. Anyone is welcome to join the checkers league, which meets from 5 to 10 p.m. every day at the senior center, 8755 State St. in East St. Louis.

The two primary days for checker-playing are Mondays and Thursdays. Tournament organizer John "Butch" Chester said the league is planning an international tournament for September and will invite top checkers players and authors, such as Russia's Vladimir Kaplan.

O'Fallon

City at crossroads with old bridge

The future of the 60-year-old Nelson Bridge could rest with the O'Fallon City Council on April 20.

Last week, the council reviewed whether to keep the wood bridge. It was built between 1910-1916 as a way to get into William G. Willard's former stove factory, City Clerk Ben Hamm said.

The future of the bridge is now in limbo because a new Seven Hills bridge — that is less than a mile from the wood bridge — is expected to open in late June or early July.

Proponents of the old bridge — now limited to car and pedestrian traffic — say it should be preserved.

Opponents say the old bridge is a safety hazard and should be razed.

The City Council on April 20 is expected to consider a petition to file with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

St. Clair County

Fund-raisers planned for Olympians

A gospel concert and a run and walk for Special Olympics are just two of the upcoming events planned to raise monies for Olympians.

On April 25, walkers and athletes will take to the streets of O'Fallon for the Illinois Special Olympics Benefit Run and Walk one-mile straight away, starting at the O'Fallon Township Building, 801 East State St. The event begins at 9 a.m.

For a \$10 entry fee, participants will receive a T-shirt and be eligible for prizes.

For more information or to register for the walk-run, contact the O'Fallon Police Department at 824-4545. Applications can also be picked up at the police department.

Later that evening, the Southern Illinois Police Chiefs Association is presenting a gospel concert. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at Full Gospel Tabernacle, 2151 N. Illinois St., in Fairview Heights.

Admission to the concert is \$7 per person. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Fairview Heights Police Department or at Full Gospel Tabernacle.

For more information about the concert, call the Fairview Heights Police Department at 397-1880.

Fairview Heights

Park heading for 'facelift'

Visitors to Longacre Park will be seeing a "significant facelift" over the next few months.

"We're going to take a couple of areas in the park and help make it into a showplace," said Ward 2 Alderman Scott Rich. Several projects are underway at the park including renovations to the sand volleyball courts and the demolition of the Earth Home.

Annex OK'd by City Council

The Fairview Heights City Council recently approved annexing 105 acres north of the city for a proposed development, including a hotel and conference center.

C&N Development, based in California, requested the city annex the land. The council unanimously approved the request April 7.

The annexation will include 72 acres on the west side of Illinois 159 and 33 acres on the east side of 159. The land is located just north of city limits in an unincorporated portion of St. Clair County.

The city has agreed to spend up to \$1.375 million for improvements to the area. Infrastructure improvements include turn lanes, traffic signals, and an access road to the proposed development on the east side of the property. The developer also wants the city to pay for a \$275,000 sewer lift station and main to provide sewer services to the site.

Southwestern Illinois Hotels is under contract to purchase property on the east side of Illinois 159. The investment group plans to build a \$3.1 million conference center on the site. The group has asked the city to pay \$1.1 million of the costs but a decision has not been reached by officials.

Monroe County

Women's advocate settles in

An area-wide women's help group celebrated the establishment of a legal advocacy program in Monroe County.

Close to 100 people dropped in on Tuesday at an open house held by the Monroe County Advisory Committee to the Metro East Women's Crisis Center in the second-floor meeting room of the Monroe County Courthouse.

They visited with Chrystal, recently hired to staff an office on the first floor of the Monroe County Courthouse. Because of the nature of her job, Chrystal does not use her last name at work in the court of Judge Dennis Jacobsen.

Chrystal is the advocate for victims of domestic violence in Monroe County, joining advocates in Randolph and St. Clair counties in counseling abused women, finding them emergency shelter and/or helping them obtain orders of protection against the men who abuse them.

Chrystal has served 40 women since the setup of her office in October.

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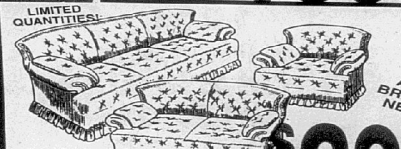
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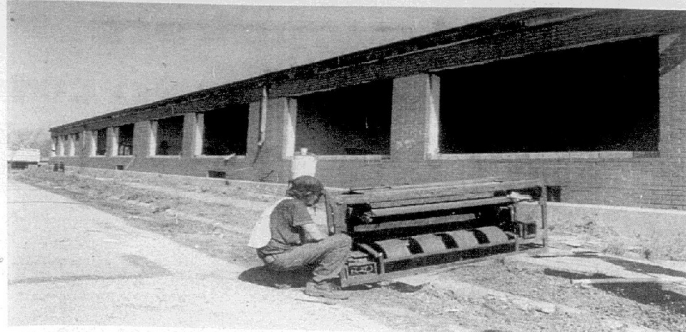
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A worker removes a part of the ventilation system at the old Dunbar School.

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which sits in Venice.

Terrell said the building is still structurally sound.

"So it's a matter of coming in and rehabbing the inside of it, once we do that I think it will work out," he said.

To develop a youth center, he said funding will be the biggest hurdle.

Terrell had asked the City Council for Community Development funds, but city officials said they have other priorities

such as sewers and roads that must also be considered.

Because of that, Terrell said the center would probably have to be developed with private funds.

"I've met with several people from Chicago to Cairo to get ideas and directions to go in seeking funding," he said.

"This has been a long-term goal, to provide a youth center," he said. "We have several youth groups that I've been involved with in the past, but nothing on this scale."

"I'm just getting tired of driving down the street every day seeing the kids with nothing to do," he said. "If they're not doing well at home, they're not going to do well in the schools. If they don't have a safe home, they will not be safe at school."

"We want to provide a safe haven where they can do better, and maybe improve their school grades," Terrell said.

"If you look at the stats it shows that they either go to school or they go to jail, and we're sending too many of them to jail."

A positive attitude

Inner peace inspires woman to write poetry

By Kendra Paredes Hayden
Correspondent

A positive attitude. These three little words inspire and sustain Collinsville resident Hattie Lance.

In the past year, Lance, 62, had two poems about inner peace published. The first poem, "Visions," was published in "Diamonds and Pearls" featuring today's poetry compiled by The National Library of Poetry.

"The poem's about letting go of your feelings and just relaxing and getting a better point of view on life," Lance said.

"Life's End," Lance's second poem, is in an anthology book, "The Festival," published by The Horizon Poetry Press.

Lance said "Life's End" is a poem about a person coming to the end of his life with no fear or regrets.

"Sometimes, when I'm sitting in the car waiting for something, and if I have time on my hands, I just start writing," she said.

Retired from McKesson Pharmaceutical Co. in St. Louis after 36 years, Lance said that faith in God and getting involved in the community helps her cope with life's ups and downs.

"Years ago, I used to be impatient. Over the years, I've learned to be calm and believe that the more you give away, the more you get, which helps you to stay happy," she said.

Lance volunteers three days a week with the first-grade class at Prather School in Granite City. Her dream has been to help children.

"My parents both worked. They were always really tired and were unable to give me quality time," she said. "Some of the older ladies in the neighborhood would give me a piece of pie or let me watch their TV, especially if I did an errand for them."

A mentor for Big Brothers/Big Sisters for five years beginning in 1987, Lance said



Hattie Lance examines David Dahm's handwriting and offers advice on improving his penmanship while helping out at Prather School in first-grade teacher Lynn Lanham's class.

like their parents, kids are under stress.

"I tell them they're all VIPs — very important people. I try to let them know someone really cares whether they're excellent or not," she said.

Sponsoring three children through the Christian Children's Fund, Lance encourages

seniors to get involved in the community.

She said volunteering can help seniors get out of the house and be with other people.

"I think it's really important that we all help each other. Consider this: We all drink different wine, but all our lives entwine. That's how I feel."

BRIEFLY

Granite City

CLASS REUNION: The Granite City High School class of 1988 is looking for graduates for the 30th class reunion scheduled for Aug. 28. A golf tournament is set for Aug. 29. For information, call 876-0419, or send your address to 2340 Gary, Granite City, 62040 or E-mail at llogan@att.net or kamgrig@hotmail.com.

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Southwestern Illinois

APPOINTED: The ASSIST #14 Advisory Board of the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission unanimously elected Chief Don Slaznick of the O'Fallon Police Department as the new chairman and Chief David Ruebhausen of the Granite City Police Department as the new vice chairman.

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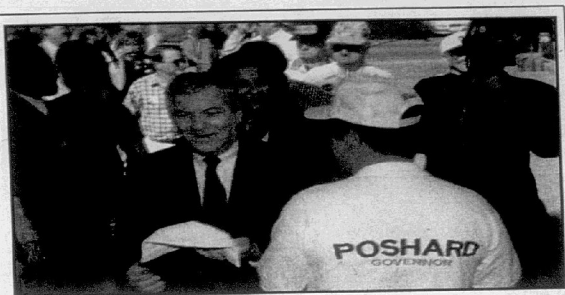
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"absolute responsibility" to protect disabled veterans, the poor and children. "We will not desert them," he said. "Democrats, we have a heart, and that heart says we have an imperative obligation to protect the most vulnerable citizens, and we will do that."

After the speeches, Poshard said the campaign would require "grass roots" effort. "For Democrats to win in November, we have to do grass roots campaigning," he said. "It's important that our candidates get out and go to the courthouse lawns and meet our people and shake hands with them."

He also said the Metro East was going to be very important for the campaign, and he said he would try to bring the statewide slate back several times. "Madison and St. Clair County rank second and third in the state in voter turnout, so it's incredibly important area for any candidate running statewide."



Glenn Poshard is greeted by well-wishers during his appearance Tuesday in Edwardsville.

A new, improved Old Town Village planning \$30 million revitalization on Main Street

By Steve Whitworth
Telegraph staff writer

Hundreds of village residents gathered recently for a glimpse into the future of the proposed \$30 million revitalization project on Main Street. The event was an opportunity for residents to see artists' renderings of the proposed redevelopment of the Old Town area. There also was information available about the proposed interconnector road way to link Illinois Route 159 to Meridian Road in Glen Carbon.

The long-term project is being financed in its early stages by \$3.5 million from the village's tax increment financing (TIF 2) district fund. Other property taxes will remain in the fund until at least 2015.

For the open house, seats were rearranged in the Village Council chambers to allow for the display of a scale model of the proposed redevelopment. Residents gathered around the model or looked at exhibit boards illustrating and explaining various facets of the project.

Others watched a six-minute video presentation about the Old Town Development Inc., outlining the firm's plans for Old Town.

The scale model showed how the proposed buildings would look in the TIF 2 district, from the Covered Bridge to Miners Park.

"In some respects, I think it will be good for Glen Carbon; in some respects, not. There are a lot of sore spots that do need to go."

Margaret Moggio
Village resident

Exhibits included a boundary map; the general land use plan; the Meridian Road-Glen Crossing Road connector project; the Meridian-Glen Crossing Road construction project; Judy Creek clean-up; Old Town redevelopment and restoration plans; potential land use districts of the Old Town development plan; and Mike's Place demolition and clean-up. The potential land use districts illustrated included an entertainment district, professional district and festival district.

"Most of the remarks I've heard have been pretty positive," said Will Shashack, building and zoning administrator for the village. "Most people ask questions just about things that affect their property."

"This allows them to get a view of what the hubbub's about," he said, estimating 200 to 300 people had visited the open house during the first 90 minutes. Shashack said the concept of the project, as reflected in the

scale model, has been approved by village officials. However, the site plans still requires approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

"This is how we foresee developing" the project once all the property is acquired and everything is in place, said Village Trustee Ben Maliszewski. "We're ready to go. We're looking for something to happen in the next six to 10 months."

Developer Larry Village has been hired by the village as a consultant to help put the revitalization plan in effect, Maliszewski said.

"Larry's job is to be sure it actually happens," the village trustee said. "He's doing a good job of instilling confidence that it will happen."

Joinder stressed that other communities throughout Illinois have been using similar TIF districts for redevelopment projects for the last 20 years.

Bob and Margaret Moggio of Glen Carbon said they had

GLEN CARBON

come down to see the plans for the Old Town project because they had been unable to attend any previous meetings about the matter.

"In some respects, I think it will be good for Glen Carbon; in some respects, not," Margaret Moggio said. "There are a lot of sore spots that do need to go."

Moggio said she hadn't made up her mind about the proposed redevelopment.

"I'm right in the middle of the road now," she said. "I do some good. I appreciate what they're trying to do, but I don't want to see them try to do it too fast and too big."

"They need to preserve the quiet and the small-town feel instead of trying to make it something it isn't," Bob Moggio said.

"It's going to be different," Lance Guiley of Glen Carbon said after looking at the exhibit with his wife, Jennifer. The Guileys, who rent a home on South Main Street in the Old Town district, said their main concern is to determine whether the project and its construction will cause so much inconvenience for them that they might consider moving to a new home.

Lawmakers working to cut fuel taxes

Bill reducing state tax by 5 percent sails through Senate

By Dan Brannan
Telegraph managing editor

A bill reducing the state sales tax on motor fuels by 5 percent recently sailed through the Illinois Senate on a 46-8 vote and appears headed for discussion in the House of Representatives.

A version of Senate Bill 1458 is expected to come up for a vote in the Illinois House of Representatives within three weeks. The Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association has been lobbying, trying to show that lowering the sales tax by 5 percent would generate \$110 million in additional revenue for the Illinois Road Fund.

"People are all alike, they all want bargains," said Bill Shrimpf, of Piasa Motors, which operates five area convenience stores and provides inventory for seven others. "The 5 percent sales tax on motor fuels has been killing us. If the sales tax is reduced on motor fuels, we will also be selling more bread, milk, cigarettes and lottery tickets with the fuel if we have more traffic."

Piasa Motors has been in business in the area since 1932. Ron Hauck, who heads Thomeczek Oil Co. in Alton, said people know gas prices are higher in Illinois but don't know the exact reason. Thomeczek Oil owns three convenience stores in the area and supplies materials for four other full-service stations in the Alton and Edwardsville areas. The company has operated since 1946.

"The 5 percent sales tax on fuels makes it hard to invest more money in building new convenience stores," Hauck said. "If you aren't looking at much return, you can't do it. The Senate bill, which recently passed, could ultimately mean jobs for the area if it passes through the House of Representatives."

sentatives and goes on."

The Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association asked Arthur Anderson LLP in Atlanta to conduct a survey on Illinois motor fuel taxation.

The survey discovered Illinois consumers pay the highest aggregate pump prices for a gallon of gasoline in comparison to their counterparts in bordering states. Illinois purchasers pay the fifth-highest combined aggregate motor fuel sales taxes in the United States. All purchasers pay the federal tax on gasoline at 18.4 cents; Illinois then imposes the 5 percent state motor fuel tax on purchase of a gallon of gasoline.

For regular gasoline, Illinois prices at \$1.284 per gallon are more than 10 cents a gallon higher than in Missouri and Kentucky, where purchasers pay \$1.18 per gallon.

Illinois purchasers of diesel fuel pay 21.5 cents a gallon in taxes, compared to 17 cents in Missouri.

Hauck said in coming days, the Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association and Illinois Association of Convenience Stores members will be working feverishly to get a version of the bill to the Senate floor.

"People in the petroleum markets deal in pennies and live and die by that," he added. "State Sen. Stanley Weaver of Champaign sponsored the Senate bill, and he is a highly influential senator. He feels the bill is very important. We have places we would like to expand, but we don't feel we can yet. We have a place out in Godfrey we would like to go. Each convenience store employs about 12 to 15 employees. A store and is about a \$750,000 investment. We are costing our state jobs by our present sales tax on motor fuels."

Settlement plan is extended

American Bottoms says program has been an 'outstanding success'

By Jason White
Staff writer

The American Bottoms Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility is extending a settlement agreement with customers with back-due bills.

At the request of East St. Louis Councilman Alvin Parks Jr. and the Rev. Johnny Scott, director of the East St. Louis branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the settlement program started in October has been extended to June 1.

Scott said the NAACP and other organizations have told people that secondary waste water treatment is required by the federal Clean Water Act of 1972 and that the 1977 agreement that formed American Bottoms was legal.

At the time, some community leaders said the agreement was illegal and urged residents not to pay the bills, resulting in \$18 million in debt since 1983.

"It's going to be a process of education," Scott said. "I think the people are going to understand that this is a utility."

One concern is that American Bottoms caters to its industrial customers at the expense of residential customers.

Some have also criticized different residential rates in different areas. Plant officials say the slight differences are the result of capital improvements and engineering studies.

Parks said the city recently appointed the Rev. Terrence Hendricks, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church pastor, and Citizens Against American Bottoms President Thelma Hemphill to the five-member Technical Advisory Committee, which can bring management issues to municipal governments and the community.

"There has been some progress," Parks said. Under the settlement, customers have 90 days to pay half of their back-due bills or treatment and legal fees, whichever is greater. In most cases, customers pay half of

the back-due bills.

After the settlement, American Bottoms releases all liens, and customers agree to pay their bills on time for three years. If customers fail to live up to the terms, they will be charged with the balance between the current amount due and the settlement amount, including interest and penalties.

Since the settlement started, American Bottoms has received \$455,000 and 600 new paying customers.

"The program has been an outstanding success," customer service supervisor Shina Bowers said in a news release.

Reducing the delinquency rate from the current 20 percent to 1 or 2 percent would lower the residential treatment

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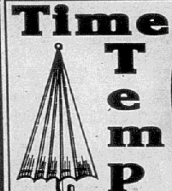
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SPORTS



Pat Heston

Hall makes right choice by inducting 1960 Warriors

Kudos to the Granite City Sports Hall of Fame Committee for its decision to induct the 1959-60 GCHS Warriors basketball team.

It should have been done long ago. But, better late than never. The boys of coach Andy Sullivan were built around all-stars Rich Williams and Bob Price, and included Jim Simpson, Frank Knight and Carl Wortham, as well as super-subs Harry Cook and Harry Smith.

The Warriors, who upset a pair of No. 1-ranked teams on the season, upended perennial power Collinsville 72-65 for the regional title. After dispatching Duplo 68-52 in the sectional finals, GCHS entered the sectional championship game as an underdog against the state's top-rated team, the Pinckneyville Panthers. Pinckneyville had edged the Warriors 66-59 over the Christmas holiday in the finals of the Centralia Holiday Tournament.

This time, however, Granite City grabbed the early lead and never relinquished it, stunning the favorites 75-66 and gaining, in the process, a berth in the IHSA state tournament.

The Warriors would lose the East St. Louis Super-Sectional to unheralded West Frankfort, ending their sparkling campaign with a ledger of 26-6.

Despite the fact that the 1960 "Happy Warriors" won the state basketball tournament, the 1960 squad may well have been the best team ever produced at Granite City High School.

In fact, they may have been the best team in the state that year when it came to full-court pressure.

Year-in and year-out in the 1960s, no team had a better full-court press than Vergil Fletcher's Collinsville Kahoks. There were occasions, however, when the Warriors' defense was as good as the Kahoks'. For example — when the Kahoks' preface was a game, or when another team completely out-pressed Fletcher's five. But only once in its life did it face a Southwestern Conference squad that had a better press than Collinsville's during a basketball season. That one squad was the 1960 Granite City Warriors.

Very few times did any team anywhere in any year press better than the Kahoks did. But, one of those times came in 1960. Nobody that season — not even run-and-gun, state semifinalist Decatur or eventual state champion Chicago Marshall, with its in-your-face pressure defense, could equal the Granite City full-court pressure. That was the team's forte. But that wasn't all that team had going for it.

The '60 Warriors could swish long-range bombs all night — especially Williams and Price. They could kill you at the free-throw line, where they shot better than 80 percent an outing and where they were even more lethal late in a game. The team, which ran seven-men deep, enabling Sullivan to substitute Cook and Smith without the squad so much as missing a beat — possessed cat-like reflexes which gave its players the ability to play unfazed by full-court pressure.

But best of all, the team was flat out fun to watch. I've seldom had a more enjoyable time watching a team. They could play with the best of them, as they proved with their toppling of two No. 1s during the year. And they were as deep top-to-bottom as any team in the state during the 1959-60 season. And, boy oh boy, were they fun to watch in action. I've often wished I could see them again. But I must be content with those images frozen in time.

The wait for induction was far too long. But, at long last, the wait is over.

Congratulations to a team that truly deserves the honor. And, again, kudos to the committee for recognizing Andy Sullivan and the 1960 Warriors basketball team.

Granite City High School track previews inside

The Granite City High School boys track team tries to increase its numbers by building on its athletic ability and attitude. Meanwhile, the Lady Warriors track team battles its inexperience. For more on the Granite City High School track teams, see stories on Page 4B.

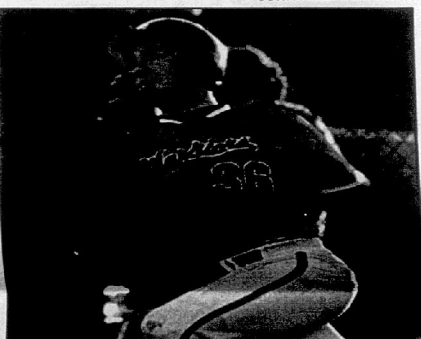
Warriors fall to Belleville West



JOHN FRESE / Press-Record

Better days

The Granite City Warriors baseball team struggled against Belleville West, the Warriors have had some good moments this spring while racking up a 3-5-1 record. ABOVE: Granite City shortstop Sean Courtney catches the ball for a force out against Wood River. AT RIGHT: Granite City's Dustin Brewer slams a home run in the game against Wood River.



JOHN FRESE / Press-Record

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors baseball team has its work cut out for it in the Southwestern Conference this season. Edwardsville, Belleville West, Collinsville and Belleville East — a quartet of foes the Warriors must face twice in conference action — are four of the top baseball teams in the St. Louis area.

PREP BASEBALL

Belleville West, last year's state tournament representative from southern Illinois, visited Granite City Tuesday afternoon and promptly served notice that the prognosticators are right on target.

Riding the strong left arm of Adam Dodd, who tossed a three-hitter while striking out 12 batters, the Maroons blanked the host Warriors 5-0.

Dodd, a junior, did an exceptional job of changing speed and location, keeping the Granite City batters off balance the entire game. Most of his strikeouts came on called third strikes as his moving fastballs and sharp-breaking curves repeatedly caught the edge of the plate on the outside corner.

"If he can continue to do that, he'll be effective no matter what level he's at," said West coach Chuck Hasenstab. "I'm surprised he's been able to do it well at such a young age."

For four innings the game was a masterful duel between Dodd and Granite City's John Kelly. Kelly was touched in an early inning by Todd Baltz's RBI single in the first inning staked the Maroons to a 1-0 lead. The score remained unchanged, heading into the top of the fifth.

Belleville West's Andy Matecki opened the fifth with a ringing double. But the key play of the game occurred with the next batter, David Miller, at the plate.

Miller tried twice to lay down a sacrifice bunt and advance Matecki to second, but he failed both times to get the bunt down in fair territory. With two strikes, Miller lined a drive to deep center, doubling home Matecki for a 2-0 lead.

The next two West batters reached base, and Kelly was pulled from the mound with the bases loaded and no one out.

Reliever Paul Kacera entered the game and extinguished the threat. He got Adam Vance to hit into a force play at the plate, then fanned both Baltz and John Stier to end the inning.

But the Warriors could not dent Dodd, who continued to throw brilliantly from the mound. Finally, in the sixth, West broke the game open. An RBI single by Chris French, followed by Travis Jones' two-run double, put the game on ice for the Maroons.

Dodd, whose older brother Ben pitches for Northwestern University, improved to 3-0 in the year. West went to 7-3 overall and 3-0 in the Southwestern Conference.

Granite City dropped to 3-5-1 overall, 1-3 in the SWC. The Warriors play at Belleville East at 4:15 p.m. this afternoon.

(See BASEBALL, Page 3B)

Wrestling program to be honored at May 7 banquet

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

After an historic campaign which saw the Granite City High School wrestling program notch its 100th consecutive regular season dual meet victory as well as its national-record 1,000th all-time dual meet victory, Warriors wrestling is being honored by the Granite City Elks Youth Athletics Committee.

Not just the 1997-98 squad, but the

entire GCHS wrestling program — from the 1933-34 season to the present — is being honored in evening festivities on Thursday, May 7, at the Granite City Elks Lodge. "Sixty-five Years of Excellence" is the theme of the banquet, which will kick off with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by a prime rib dinner at 7 p.m. An awards and presentation ceremony will begin at 8 p.m.

All Granite City High School grapplers who lettered from the 1933-34

season on are invited to attend the function free of charge. A \$10 fee will be charged for any guest the honorees bring to the event.

Special guest speakers are slated for the evening, including former coaches of the nationally recognized wrestling program. An attempt is being made to have all four living coaches in attendance.

The Elks are asking the community's help in locating former grapplers who may have moved from

the Granite City area. Anyone knowing such athletes is asked to contact those athletes and advise them of this important event.

Tickets and reservations can be obtained by calling any of the following: Jim McKeachan (876-6060), Monte Kessler (931-0581), or John Janek (877-0428). For more information on the event, contact Jim McKeachan (876-6060) or call Steve Nonn (892-7040, extension 4828).

Granite City Sports Hall induction scheduled for May 9

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The Granite City Sports Hall of Fame has scheduled its annual induction banquet on Saturday, May 9, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Gregory's Armenian Hall. This year's inductees include Kevin Greener, veteran of the National Football League, and Tony Pierce, an indoor professional soccer player.

In addition to Greener and Pierce, nine other individuals will be inducted. The 1978 Granite City High School state championship soccer team, as well as the 1959-60 GCHS basketball team, also will be inducted.

The Hall of Fame Committee also will recognize Willard "Butch" Portell for his contributions to youth athletics, and will present its sponsorship award to the Granite City Wrestling Club. Additional awards, recognizing scholar athletes, will be given to Jenna Wright and Jonas Janek.

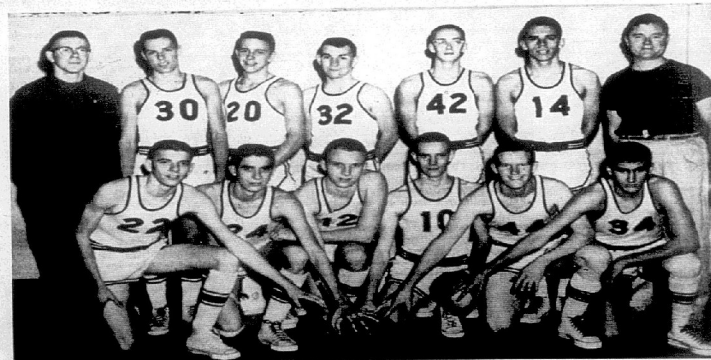
Anyone interested in obtaining tickets for this year's banquet may call 452-7122. Tickets are \$15 per adult, \$7 per child.

The 1998 inductees include:

Harry Boyles — Boyles is known for his baseball prowess. He pitched for teams in Kilgore, Dallas and Fort Worth (Texas) as well as in St. Paul, Minn. During his playing days, Boyles received much notoriety for his accomplishments on the field while playing AAA ball in St. Paul. He played 5½ years with the Chicago White Sox before an injury forced him to retire in 1940. After his playing days, Boyles helped players in the American Legion Baseball League, and still stays in touch with many of his White Sox teammates and receives an average of three letters a week from White Sox fans who remember him.

Greg Garland — Garland, a life-long Granite City resident, is known for his wrestling accomplishments. He was a four-year varsity letter winner, compiling a career record of 122-18-1. He finished first twice in the district meet, first once in the sectional, and was a state qualifier twice, placing fifth in his best finish, state qualifier twice, placing fifth in his best finish, all-metro three years, all-conference three years, and all-state once. He also holds the record for the fastest pin at Coolidge Junior High — 17 seconds in a match during the 1975-76 season.

After his high school days, Garland pursued a career in teaching and coaching, and serves as an assistant wrestling coach at Granite City High School. Garland



The 1959-60 Granite City High School boys basketball team put together a 26-6 season, upsetting two teams that were ranked No. 1 in the state and making the super-sectional of the IHSA state playoffs.

won the Assistant Coach of the Year award for the

Danny Mendoza — Mendoza is a life-long Granite City resident and is best known for his boxing prowess. In high school, he also played hockey, baseball and soccer. As a Golden Gloves boxer, Mendoza fought in the 156-pound and 165-pound Novice Divisions, as well as the 178-pound Open Division. His boxing career spanned eight years, and included appearances in such tournaments as the St. Louis Golden Gloves, Alabama State Golden Gloves, Sugar Ray Leonard National Golden Gloves, USA/BF National Boxing Tournament and numerous other competitions. Mendoza boxed many newsworthy opponents, including Virgil Hill, who lost to Mendoza in a 1981 bout before going on to become

the WBA Light Heavyweight Champion, Mendoza's career mark of 50-8 includes 29 KO's. His championships include the 1979 St. Louis City Boxing Tournament, the 1980 St. Louis Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament and the 1983 Alabama State Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament.

For his efforts as a boxer, Mendoza received numerous awards, such as the Robert J. Walsh Memorial Sportsmanship Trophy for the St. Louis Golden Gloves, as well as the Most Outstanding Boxer award for the St. Louis Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament.

Edward Mitchell — A life-long Granite City resident, Mitchell was a member of the Granite City High School wrestling team. He lettered in wrestling for three years, and was a member of the Granite City High School wrestling team.

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Granite City Park District offers softball tourney

The Granite City Park District will sponsor a presentation softball tournament for men's, women's and coed teams, April 27-May 1.

The tournament will be double-elimination for an entry fee of \$90. Only teams in the Park District program will be able to participate with the exception that two players not on the team's roster but listed on other team's rosters can be added. The deadline for the tournament will be April 23. The drawing will be April 24 at the Wilson Park Office.

For information, call Ray Hoffman at the Wilson Park Office, 877-3059.

Hockey tryouts

Tryouts for a Prairie State Games bantam ice hockey team are set for April 25 (5:45 p.m.) and April 26 (3:15 p.m.) at East Alton Ice Arena.

The cost is \$30.

Players must be born after June 31, 1982; be residents of Madison County; and be registered through USA Hockey Insurance.

For information, call John Pritchard (451-1479), Tony Vesce (288-7535) and Bob Wondolowski (667-7730).

Golf tourney

The sixth annual Collinsville Rotary Golf Tournament is June 12 at the Fox Creek Golf Club near Edwardsville.

The 18-hole fundraising golf scramble is sponsored by the Collinsville Rotary Club.

Prize money totaling \$1,800 will be awarded to the top three finishers in each of three flights, according to tournament general chairman John Ostanik. Awards will also be presented for closest to the pin, longest drive and longest putt on various holes. Hole-in-one prizes will also be awarded.

The event is used to fund various Collinsville Rotary charity projects, including its scholarship program. The club presented \$750 scholarships to five Collinsville High graduates.

Registration is \$75 per golfer. The event is limited to 36 four-player teams, a total of 144 golfers.

For entry information, call Ostanik at 345-9565. Entry forms are also available at local golf clubs.

Golf tournament

The Little Knights Football Club will sponsor a three-man scramble golf tournament on April 24 at Yorktown Golf Course in Belleville. The entry fee is \$75 per team. For more information, call Glen Stone at 277-3010 or Angelo Alvarez at 624-8754.

Golf tournament

The St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation presents the fourth annual St. Louis Gateway Classic/President Casino on the Admiral Golf Tournament on May 29 at the Grand Marais Golf Course, Frank Holton State Park in Centerville.

Tee-off is at 8 a.m.

The day will be competitive and fun-filled. The entry fee is \$125 per person or \$500 for a foursome, which includes registration, gift bag, green fees and refreshments. The gift bag will include items such as caps, golf tees, golf balls, etc.

Prizes and awards will be presented at the luncheon awards banquet at the Grand Marais Club House immediately following play. A continental breakfast will be provided at 7 a.m., as well as the famous Wilson's BBQ lunch served at the awards banquet at approximately 1 p.m. In addition, beer and soda will be served throughout the course of the game.

For more information about the golf tournament call Arthur Tyler Jr., director of operations, at 621-1994.

Hockey club

Two local hockey coaches have announced the formation of a new junior team in the Metro East.

Joe Lebrky and Larry Thatcher are seeking approval from USA Hockey to form the Illinois Thunder, which will be comprised of past and present Class AAA and AA and high school teams. The squad will play at the new facility in Fairview Heights (scheduled to open this spring) and the East Alton Ice Rink.

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"The forming of a new junior team in the Metro East will offer good players in this area a chance to continue their hockey careers beyond that which is currently available," Lebrky said. "We are awaiting more information from USA Hockey to see if they suggest Junior B or C. Either way, we are bound and determined to form this team to help expand interest in hockey in this area."

"We are in the process of forming a new board of directors and seeking major sponsors. Team tryouts will probably be sometime in June or July and will be open as well as by invitation."

"We have formed a select team made up of top local high school players and have participated in tournaments in Detroit and Chicago the last two years, experiencing above-average results. We feel confident the level of play in the Metro East will help make us very competitive."

Lebrky and Thatcher are currently members of the board of directors and coaches of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association and between them have more than 35 years of hockey experience.

For more information regarding player participation or sponsorship, call Lebrky at 234-1741.

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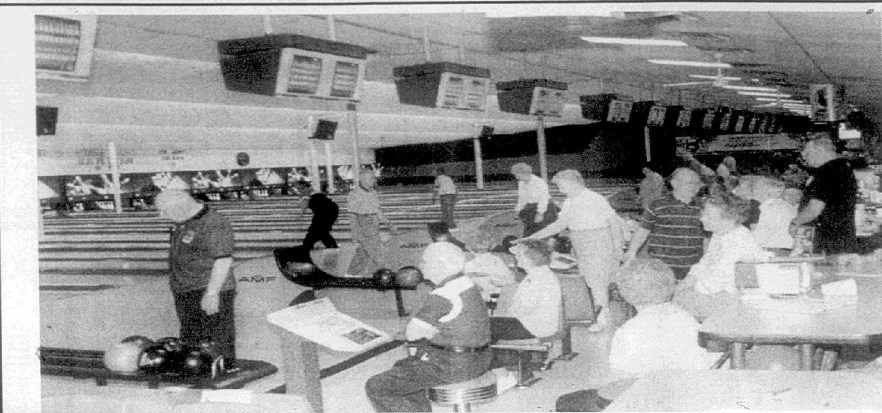
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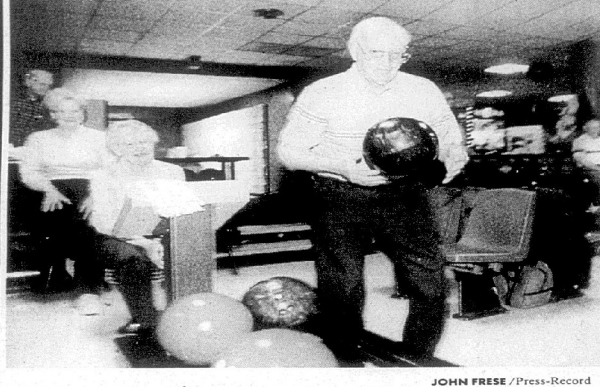
Bowling tourney

American Legion baseball team will conduct a three-game Scotch doubles bowling tournament on Friday, April 24 at Bel-Air Bowl in Belleville. Check-in is at 5 p.m. and bowling begins at 9:30.

For reservations, call 476-1075 or 937-0237.



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Staying active

Bowling Lanes in Granite City hosts senior bowling leagues during the weekday with as many as 400 senior bowlers taking part every Monday through Friday at 12:30 p.m. from early August through late April. ABOVE: Bowlers from the senior league fill the lanes at Bowling Lanes in Granite City. AT LEFT: Former professional bowler Walter Shaw spins his

Kahoks hammer East St. Louis Lincoln

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Good things come in threes, some say. The Collinsville High School baseball team was happy about getting a lot of three-base hits Tuesday afternoon.

The Kahoks (8-2) collected four triples on their way to an 18-0 drubbing of East St. Louis Lincoln.

Dan Munoz led the way with a pair of triples while Wayne Astrauskas and Ken "Big Country" Lutz each had a triple.

"The most unique thing was the four triples," Collinsville baseball coach Steve McFall said. "Triples are unusual to hit anyway. It kind of shocked me."

CHS collected 12 hits on the day and were helped along by nine bases on balls. The Kahoks didn't hit any home runs, but half of their hits went for extra bases. "They (Lincoln) didn't play those into triples. These were balls that were just

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crushed," McFall said. "It was like everybody wanted to see if they could hit it farther than the last guy hit it."

Collinsville pitcher Jerry Tipton, who was roughed up his last outing, got some much-needed confidence booster on the mound. Tipton went the distance, allowing just three hits while striking out eight.

Dane Thebeau and Nick Jones added RBI doubles in the contest.

"We did some nice things," McFall said. "The kids played solid and we got out of there."

The Kahoks next game is 4 p.m. Thursday, when they travel to Belleville West for a Southwestern Conference game.

Triad rolls

The Triad Knights jumped all over

Dupo starting pitcher Brandon Hamontree and chased him out of the game after just two innings of work en route to an 11-0 victory Tuesday against the Tigers.

The Knights scored nine runs in the first two innings and needed just five innings to topple Dupo in a non-conference game.

Wayne Hubert worked just three innings for the victory. He allowed two hits while striking out three batters. He helped himself at the plate, going 2-for-2 and driving in one run.

Cory Boeshans, Jared Hayes and Trevor Yates each collected two hits. Justin McBride had just one hit but drove in three runs.

The Knights' next game is 4 p.m. Friday when they travel to Mascoutah for a Mississippi Valley Conference clash.

Kahoks blank Lancers for third straight shutout

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Defense wins soccer games. The Collinsville High girls soccer team has posted three consecutive shutouts and won four of its first five games by shutouts this spring.

Granite City is the lone team to score against the Kahoks (4-0-1) and that goal came via a penalty kick.

The Kahoks and goalkeeper Mandy Waitkakis posted their third straight shutout Tuesday afternoon when they limited Belleville West to just three shots on goal during a 5-0 decision.

All three of the Maroons' shots came in the latter stages of the game. In fact, Belleville West did not record a shot on goal in the first half.

"I think we kind of let down a little bit in the middle and allowed them to gain possession," Collinsville coach Deana Wallace said of the Maroons' late surge. "I told the girls we have to challenge for every ball and we can't give up, whether it is late in the half or late in the game."

While Jodie Bales and company were holding the Maroons strikers at bay, the Kahoks offense did the rest.

Senior Tasha Siegel, who has been hounded by constant double- and triple-teams this season, broke out in a big way. Siegel recorded her first hat trick of the 1998 campaign.

Siegel's first goal was on a nice give-and-go pass from Lori Benesh just across mid-field. Benesh threw the ball to the open space and Siegel ran past a defender to set up a breakaway. West starting goalkeeper Jennifer Klich broke off her line to cut down the angle, but Siegel just simply tapped

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the ball past Klich for a 1-0 lead at 15:30.

Up until Siegel's first goal, both teams appeared to be sluggish.

"The slow start was something I did not want see, but then we got a couple of scoring chances and were finally able to get on the board and built up some momentum," Wallace said. "Early in the game, we had too many people at the ball, and we didn't have enough room to create things. We had a talk at halftime and straightened that out."

Siegel's second goal made it 3-0. Kelly Bowling lofted a corner kick toward the net. Siegel headed the initial shot but the ball hit the crossbar. Siegel stayed with the play and headed the deflection into an empty net.

She made it 4-0 with her

final goal, with the assist going to Christen Locandro.

"Tasha played really well," Wallace said. "In the air, she is really tough. She capitalized on that with her second goal and really striking the ball well. On the corner when she got holding players off the ball and can turn pretty quickly to get the shot."

Sandwiched between Siegel's first two goals was a goal by Jeana Dietrich. Hope Holland sent a pass across the goal-mouth to Dietrich, who fired a bending shot that deflected off the left post and went in. Dietrich's goal came 10 minutes after Siegel's first goal to make it 2-0.

"Jeana played really tough for us," Wallace said. "In the warmup, I noticed she was really striking the ball well. On the rebound, I knew it was going to be on goal. She just put it on near post and it bounced in."

Benesh finished out the scor-

ing at 76:47 off a feed from Amanda Kirksey.

Belleville West coach Bill Houck said the Maroons looked out of gas most of the contest. West (1-6) had just won its first game of the season on Monday.

"If you look at our girls, they just weren't motivated," Houck said. "They worked very hard (Monday), and when you play back-to-back games, especially against a team like this, it's tough. These (Collinsville) girls are good. They are very good, and Siegel is unbelievable."

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Wrestling

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dent, Mitchell made his name through Tae Kwon Do and kick-boxing. In 1982, he won the U.S. Middle Weight Full Contact Tae Kwon Do Championship. In 1986 and 1987, he won the Missouri State Amateur Kick-Boxing Championship in the Middleweight category and the Light Heavyweight category respectively. He began his pro kick-boxing career in 1989, after compiling an amateur record of 80-13.

Mitchell's professional accomplishments include winning the North American Super Light Heavyweight kick-boxing title in 1982. In 1984, he traveled to the former Soviet Union and knocked out three No. 1 contenders to reach the World Title Match. While competing in that match, Mitchell suffered a left arm fracture in the eighth round. At the time, the match was being watched on television and was dead-even. Mitchell owns and operates a martial arts school, while living and working in Granite City.

John Mucho Sr. — Mucho graduated from Granite City High School in 1947. He was a gifted baseball player and wrestler. During his senior season at GCHS, Mucho earned first place in the 115-pound class in the Allegheny Mountain Association. Additionally, in 1947, he was the 103-pound champion in the IHSA Section Tournament and the 115-pound finalist in the Ozark AAU Tournament.

After high school, Mucho continued to wrestle, placing second in the 114-pound class during preliminary competition at the U.S. Olympic trials. He won the prestigious All-American Wrestling Award in 1948 and the Ozark AAU Championships for three years from 1948-50. Mucho has been involved in community service through baseball, Cub Scouts and the YMCA Boys Club.

Edward Opich — Born and raised in Granite City, Opich graduated from GCHS in 1951. While in high school, he was a baseball shortstop all four years and a basketball forward all four years. He earned eight varsity letters. In addition, he was selected to the all-conference baseball

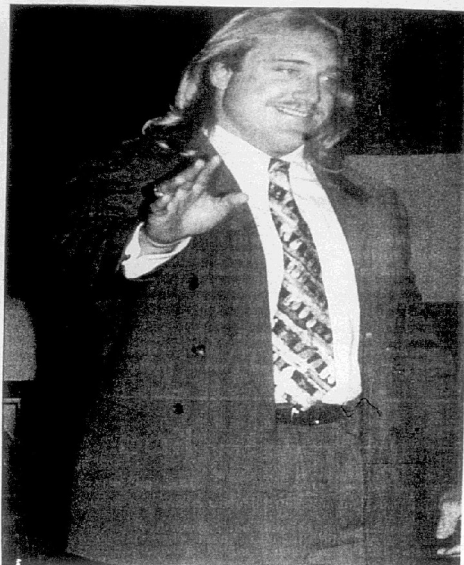


The Granite City Sports Hall of Fame will induct new members on May 9 at St. Gregory's Armenian Hall. Among the athletes to be inducted are: (ABOVE) Greg Garland, left, a wrestling standout who assists Mike Garland, right, in coaching the Granite City High School wrestling team; and (RIGHT) Kevin Pierce, a three-sport athlete at Granite City who is the National Football League's all-time sack leader.

team and to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch All-Metro Baseball team. Opich was drafted by the New York Giants baseball organization in 1951, and played with them in the National League and in the Minor Leagues through 1957. He continues to be involved with baseball with a fraternal organization and plays in softball leagues. Larry Petri — Petri, a life-long resident of Granite City, graduated from Granite City North High School in 1974. An all-around athlete, he played soccer, basketball and baseball while at GCHS. He was the school's Outstanding Athlete in 1974. Petri attended Belleville Area College, where he played soccer for two years. He then attended Sangamon State University in Springfield, where he

was the team's goalkeeper his last two years in college. He continued playing competitive soccer for nine years after his graduation from Sangamon State, and played both American Legion and Inter-City League baseball. Petri was head soccer coach at BAC for many years, winning the Coach of Year award in 1986. During his successful tenure with BAC, the program produced four All-Americans, 15 all-Midwest players and 30 all-region players. In addition to coaching, Petri has been the Illinois State Team Coach for the Olympic Development Teams and has coached numerous Elks Soccer Teams, while also holding several soccer camps for young players.

Tony Pierce — A versatile athlete, Pierce participated in football, basketball and cross-country. He is considered one of the best, if not the best goalkeeper ever to wear a Granite City uniform. At Granite City South High School, he lettered and made all-conference, all-state and the Parade Magazine All-American teams. He played on an NCAA championship team at the University of Connecticut in 1981 — his freshman season. UConn returned to the Final Four in both 1982 and 1983. Pierce was UConn's goal keeper all four of his years with the school. Pierce played professional soccer in the National Professional Soccer League from 1985-94 as a



member of the Milwaukee Wave and the Chicago Power. He was an All-Pro selection three times and an All-Star selection once. Pierce also played on the under-20 National Team in 1981, traveling to Italy and Switzerland for international competition. He also played in Spain for the U.S. National team in 1988.

Max Speer — Speer graduated from Granite City High School in 1963 and is best known for his efforts in track and field. During his high school days, he was conference champion two years running in both the 880 and the mile. He won the district meet mile race in both 1961 and 1962.

For several years, Speer held the high school record for the mile in the state of Illinois. He attended Washington University in St. Louis, lettering in track as a freshman and finishing first in all mile meets but one. As a member of the United States Marine Corps, he competed for the military and once defeated Ray Sears, a renowned U.S. Olympic runner. While serving in the military, Speer enjoyed great success in cross country events. At the age of 65, he continues to compete in track events. As a senior, he was won numerous races in 800-meter, 1,600-meter and 2,400-meter competition.

Hutton hurls no-hitter in reaching Edwardsville's career victory mark

By R.J. Gerber
Staff writer

Blustery, overcast conditions may have kept a few baseball fans away from the Edwardsville Sports Complex on April 9.

But as far as Ben Hutton was concerned the weather was just fine. The Edwardsville senior right-hander threw a five-inning no-hitter in the Tigers' 10-0 win over Collinsville and tied Tom Price's school record for career wins with 32.

Hutton (4-0) struck out nine, walked one and hit two batters in dominating the Kahoks en route to his first no-hitter.

"With the weather the way it was, it was really a pitching day," Hutton said. "The way the wind was blowing my fast ball was really moving a lot. My ball was running in a

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lot and I was able to jam a lot of hitters. I'm sure when they're getting jammed they think twice about swinging at it."

Chad Opel's grand slam, the first home run of his varsity career, keyed an eight-run third inning and the Tigers took advantage of four Kahoks' errors. Edwardsville (5-0, 2-0 Southwestern Conference) closed out the game with two runs in the fifth.

"We've been making progress, but today we took some steps backwards," Collinsville coach Steve McFall said. "We're just not up to playing a team of this caliber. They're the best team in the area and there's not any question in my mind."

Collinsville (5-2, 2-1) committed four errors in the third and fifth innings. Three of those miscues were made by starting pitcher Jerry Tipton (0-2). The senior right-hander allowed 10 runs, but only three were earned, while striking out five and walking none in four innings. His inability to get an out on two Edwardsville bunts opened the door to the Tigers' outburst when they sent 12 batters to the plate.

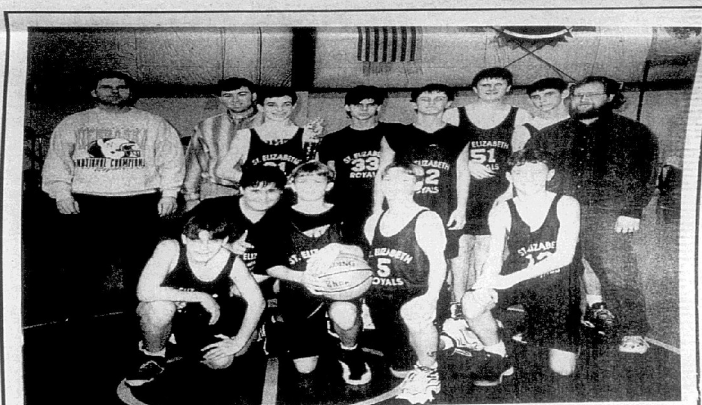
Andy Honneger, the Tigers' No. 9 batter, singled to begin the uprising and moved to second when Matt Bogle bunted and was safe after Tipton couldn't field it cleanly. Kory Kubba followed with a bunt that Tipton gloved, but threw late to third base in hopes of a force play. Opel then hit a liner to right-center field that cleared the fence and may have been boosted by a stiff wind.

"That was a big-time momentum builder and now their dobers are down," Tigers coach Tom Pile said.

Edwardsville piled on four more runs courtesy of four errors and a pair of RBI singles.

And while Edwardsville was frolicking on the basepaths, Ben Hutton didn't allow the Kahoks to hit the ball out of the infield.

"Hutton was certainly in command," McFall said. "And we just did not do a very good job in any area today."



Tournament champs

The St. Elizabeth's eighth-grade Royals won first place in the St. Mary's Tournament, Feb. 20-22. The Royals won the crown by defeating the Norsemen from St. Louis, the Nationals from Edwardsville and St. Mary's from Edwardsville. Two Royals players were selected to the all-tournament team: Patrick Meuren and Brad Becker. Pictured above (from left to right) are: Coach Bryan Hartwick, coach Dennis Gaudreault, Nathan Gaudreault, Geoff Lux, Brad Becker, Andy Miller, Patrick Meuren, coach Mike Fornachon. In front — Jeff Bladdick, Joe Mangi, Brian Dittman, William Kutosky, David Hartwick. Absent from the picture is Bryan Fornachon.

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Baseball

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It has been an inconsistent season thus far for Gus Lignoul's squad.

"The thing is, we haven't been able to put pitching, hitting and defense together very often," Lignoul said. "We'll do one or we'll do a couple, but we're having a hard time putting them all together at the same time."

A sure formula for trouble in a power-packed Southwestern Conference.

Belleville West 5, Granite City 0

Belleville West — Todd Baltz 3-4, Bryan Swift 2-3, Adam Dodd 1-4, Chris French 1-1 (2B, RBI), Travis Jones 1-2 (3B, 2 RBI), Andy Matecki 1-2, David Miller 1-2 (2B, RBI). Granite City — Dustin Brewer 1-2, Jeff Hayden 1-3, John Kelly 1-3.

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Heavy rains have rivers on rise

By Ande Yakstis
Telegraph staff writer

Heavy thunderstorms pushed the Mississippi River above flood stage at Alton four different times in the last month. "The Mississippi has seen above flood level and back down all spring from Alton to Grafton," said Ray Kopsky Jr., of the water control office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in St. Louis. Three inches of rain across Iowa and Wisconsin last week raised the river to a 26.5-foot crest at Melvin Price Locks and Dam Tuesday, more than 5 feet above the 21-foot flood stage, Kopsky said. "The river went up to 26 feet at Alton Monday, about two feet since Saturday," he said. Heavy spring rains have pushed the river above the 20-foot flood stage at Alton

four times since March 11, Kopsky said. The rain-swollen river first hit the 20-foot flood level on March 11 when it reached 20.5 feet, and then fell back down to 18.5 feet on March 17. Thunderstorms poured on the Upper Mississippi, raising the river above flood level to a 24-foot crest on March 22 at Alton, and then backed down to 18 feet on March 29, Kopsky said. The rising water rolled to its third crest of 26.5 feet on April 7 and then fell to 24 feet on Saturday. The river rose again over the weekend and hit its fourth crest of 26.5 feet Tuesday, Kopsky said. "The river level stood at 24.4 feet Tuesday, more than 6 feet above the 18-foot flood stage, Kopsky said. "The river level stood at 23.7 feet on Monday at Grafton," Kopsky said.

Grafton residents are keeping a close eye on the high water but they don't expect any flooding problems, said Sandra Rowling, an assistant to Mayor Bobbie Amburg at Grafton City Hall.

"The water is covering the city ball diamond," Rowling said. "The water would have to reach 24.7 feet to barely touch the edge of the main road through Grafton. The high water will not interrupt the busy spring tourist business in Grafton, Rowling said.

Hundreds of people drive along the Great River Road to see the flowering redbud trees blooming in the woods in the bluffs along the river.

"Spring visitors stop at our shops in Grafton and eat at the local restaurants," Rowling said.

Ham radio operators provide plenty of warning

By Ande Yakstis
Telegraph staff writer

Amateur radio operators went into action Monday to track storms that left a trail of damaged businesses in Edwardsville.

More than 20 radio operators in up with the St. Louis National Weather Service to watch the sky for funnel clouds and warn people in the path of the storms," said Ray Kopsky Jr., a specially-trained radio storm spotter from Godfrey.

More than 20 radio operators filled the air waves with emergency messages about 5:30 p.m. Monday as they tracked the severe storms in their cars from St. Charles, Mo. across Madison County to Edwardsville.

"We radioed sightings of funnel clouds to the weather service," said Kopsky from the Madison County radio club in Madison County.

As soon as a tornado sighting was received from a radio operator in Madison County,

'Radio operators in their cars radioed funnel cloud sightings to us and then ... relayed it within seconds to the weather service.'

Ray Kopsky Jr.

storm spotter

the weather service issued a warning on television and radio stations, said Greg Lewis of the weather service.

"We broadcast 30 to 40 tornado warnings," said Lewis, who kept an eye on the radar during the height of the storms.

Strong thunderstorms, with high winds and heavy rain, ripped through Madison County, damaging buildings on Center and Goshen roads in Edwardsville.

A radio operator in the midst of the storm in Edwardsville broadcast an emergency mes-

sage to Kopsky.

"A severe storm has struck here in Edwardsville," the storm spotter radioed to Kopsky.

"There is debris everywhere," Kopsky immediately sent the message about damage in Edwardsville to the weather service.

Butterbush and John Nell of Alton set up storm alert radio centers in their homes as the severe storms approached Madison County.

"Radio operators in their cars radioed funnel cloud

sightings to us and then John relayed it within seconds to the weather service," Butterbush said.

Amateur radio operators rode in their cars and kept track of the storms from St. Charles County Mo. across Wood River, Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, Godfrey, Alton and Jersey County.

"It was a tremendous effort by radio operators and the weather service to spot the storms and warn people who were in the path of the winds," Butterbush said.

Butterbush is the emergency disaster coordinator for the village of Godfrey.

He and other radio operators are trained to spot dangerous thunderstorms and tornadoes.

"Our radio operators are part of the national Sky Warn, a group of amateur radio operators who cooperate with the weather service to keep track of storms across the country," Butterbush said.

ESTHER MICHEL

ESTHER (MCANDLESS) MICHEL, 97, of Granite City died at 11:30 p.m., April 15, 1998, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City. Mrs. Michel was born Aug. 5, 1900, in Butler, Penn. She was retired from St. Elizabeth Medical Center as an Operating Room Attendant, and a member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her good friends, George and Garet Moran and their children of Granite City, and one sister Mary McCandless. She was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin Michel, her parents, Lawrence and Mary McCandless; one brother, Cecil McCandless; four sisters, Gladys, Ethel, Dorothy, Lula.

Services were Friday, April 17, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Lewis Trotter officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Granite City.

Keith Kohler

KEITH C. KOHLER, 40, of Waterloo died April 13, 1998, in Waterloo. Mr. Kohler was born July 25, 1957, in Red Bud. He was a laborer. Survivors include his father, Louis Kohler of Waterloo; four sisters, Connie Kaiping of Waterloo, Rita Wagner of Waterloo, Karla Abrams of New Haven, Fla., and Luann Hightner of Waterloo; and three brothers, William H. Kohler, Michael Kohler of Spanaway, Wash., and Steven Kohler of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Doris (Krebs) Kohler; and one brother, James Kohler.

Services were to be at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, April 16, at St. Peter and Paul Church in Waterloo, with the Rev. Kirby Swearingen, pastor, officiating. Burial was to be in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Waterloo.

Memorials may be made to the Maasen, St. Peter and Paul Beautification Fund, or Donor's Choice.

Evelyn Mott

EVELYN M. MOTT, 85, of Ponton Beach died April 13, 1998, at her residence. Mrs. Mott was born March 17, 1913, in Granite City. She was a member of the Bethel Evangelical Free Church.

Survivors include her son, Jerry Mott of Ponton Beach; one daughter, Patty Hoppe of Granite City; one brother, Charles Collins of Granite City; one sister, Anna Mae Mott of Ponton Beach; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Mott, her parents, George and Alma (Bernal) Poulos; daughter, Barbara Mott; and one brother, Roy Poulos.

Services were to be at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, April 16, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Bob Widin officiating. Burial was to be in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Fred Boyer

FRED RAY BOYER, 86, of Granite City died at 3:24 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 1998, at University Manor in Edwardsville.

He was born March 31, 1912, in Salem, Mo., and lived for 69 years in Granite City. Mr. Boyer was in the Navy during World War II, after which he was employed by the Johnson Road School District 9 as a stationary engineer.

He was a member of the New

Life Assembly of God Church, the Masonic Triple Lodge 835 in Granite City, the Low 12 Club, Disabled American Veterans and SEIU Union Local 98.

Survivors include his wife, Helen (Snoddy) Boyer, whom he married July 25, 1942, in St. Charles, Mo.; three sons, Donald Boyer Sr., of Nioville, Fla., and Donald and Sandra Boyer of Ridgefield, Miss.; and the Rev. Roy and Theresa Boyer of Glen Carbon; one daughter, D'Nita Barnes of Cartersville, Ga.; one brother, John Boyer, and one sister, Naomi Hastings; five grandchildren, Donald Boyer and Brian Boyer both of Jackson, Miss., Brooks, Tess, Tori Boyer all of Glen Carbon, and Andria Boyer Russaw of Conway, Ark.; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his one infant daughter, Freda Lucille; parents, Frances and Beslie (Pace) Boyer; one brother, Joe Boyer; and three sisters, Hallie Hunter, Bertha Rose and Zola Boyer.

Services were April 4 at Mercer Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. James Hooker of New Life Assembly of God officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hills Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Lee Ann Moran

LEE ANN MORAN, 64, of Granite City died April 14, 1998, at Alton Memorial Hospital in Alton. Mrs. Moran was born Dec. 26, 1933, in Louisville, Ky., a member of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, Knights of Columbus #1030 Auxiliary, VFW Post #1300 Auxiliary, 3rd Order of the St. Francis, and Legion of Mary.

Survivors include her husband, John Moran; two sisters, Beverly Williams of Houston, Texas, and Margie Croft of St. Louis; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Marie (Naylor) Phelps; and her daughter, Mona Bearce.

Services were Friday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Tom Liebler officiating. Burial was in St. John's National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Veterans Chapel handled the arrangements.

Timothy Daubach

TIMOTHY DAUBACH, 53, of Washington Park died Sunday April 12, 1998, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. Mr. Daubach was born Jan. 14, 1945, in Belleville. He was a school bus driver for District 189 in East St. Louis.

Survivors include a daughter, two brothers, David Daubach of Washington Park and Frank Daubach of Granite City; two sisters, Betty Wicks of Belleville, and Debra Crouch of Memphis, Tenn. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Charles and Alma Evelyn (Kopfer) Daubach. Services were Thursday, April 16, at Kassy Mortuary in Fairview Heights, with the Rev. Willis Clark officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Belleville.

The Press-Record/Journal will publish obituaries up to two weeks following the funeral services. Attending obituaries are received from local funeral homes, obituary notices can be sent to the newspaper at the Granite City Press-Record/Journal, 1815 Delmar, Granite City, IL 62040.

Orders to be taken for book

The Old Six Mile Historical Society is planning to have 500 copies of "Granite City: A Pictorial History" printed if enough orders are received.

The book was published for Granite City's centennial celebration in 1986, and tells the story of the city from its founding to the present day.

Members of Old Six Mile will take orders from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Granite City Branch Library, 2145 Johnson Road.

The price for each copy is \$35 and must be paid at the time of ordering.

Holbrook holding office hours

State Rep. Tom Holbrook, D-Belleview, will be holding open office hours from 9-10:30 a.m. today, Thursday, at the

Venice Township office, 910 Madison Ave., Madison.

Anyone can stop in during these office hours. Regular appointments can be made by calling 394-2211 in St. Clair County or 451-0200 in Madison County.

FUNERAL SUMMARY

Preston Adams

PRESTON "PETE" ADAMS, 76, of Granite City died April 10, 1998, at Christian Hospital Northeast in St. Louis.

Services were Monday, April 13, at Calvary Baptist Church, with the Rev. Fred Boatright officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill.

Memorials may be made to the Church Building Fund. Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

Kathleen Beckett

KATHLEEN BECKETT, 27, of Lovejoy died Friday, April 10, 1998, at her residence. Visitation will be 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 16, with family. Services will be 9 p.m. at the Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel in East St. Louis.

Services will be 10 a.m. Friday, April 17, at the Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel in East St. Louis. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Millstadt.

Fred Boyer

FRED RAY BOYER, 86, of Granite City died at 3:24 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 1998, at University Manor in Edwardsville. Services were April 4 at Mercer Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. James Hooker of New Life Assembly of God officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hills Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Dennis Canter

DENNIS RAY CANTER, 44, of Collinsville died Tuesday, April 14, 1998, in Phoenix, Ariz. He was born Feb.

Philomena Coligan

PHILOMENA E. (SCHMITT) COLIGAN, 91, of Edwardsville died at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, April 9, 1998, at the Holy Family Catholic Hospital in St. Louis. She was born Feb. 26, 1907, in Granite City.

Services were Tuesday, April 14, at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Tom Wise officiating. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon. Memorials may be made to the Holy Family Catholic Church.

Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel handled the arrangements.

James Dickerson

JAMES EDWARD DICKERSON, 71, of Pleasanton, Mo., formerly of Collinsville, died Thursday, April 9, 1998. He was born Jan. 26, 1927, in Elia.

Services were Tuesday, April 14, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Peter Stamboldy officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Carl Dixon

CAROL D. DIXON, 61, of Readeville died Wednesday, April 11, 1998, at his residence.

Services were Monday, April 13, at Hill Central Home in Fulton, Mo., with the Rev. Ed Safarite officiating. Burial Bethel United Methodist Cemetery in Readeville, Mo. Memorials may be made to the Bethel United Methodist Cemetery.

Viola Fisher

VIOLA E. (BROWN) FISHER, 90, of Granite City died at 8:50 a.m. Friday, April 10, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City. She was born Aug. 8, 1907, in Louisville, Ky. Services were Wednesday, April 15, at Holy Family Catholic Church in St. Louis. Burial will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorials may be made in the form of Masses.

Donald Hoskins

DONALD HOSKINS, 51, of Madison died Friday, April 3, 1998, at his residence.

Graveside services were Thursday, April 9, in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel handled the arrangements.

Theodore Loman

THEODORE LOMAN, 87, of Granite City died April 11, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. Services were Tuesday, April 14, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Peter Stamboldy officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Holy Trinity Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church.

Charles Massey

CHARLES S. MASSEY, 51, of Belleville died Friday, April 10, 1998, at St. Louis. He was born Jan. 7, 1947, in East St. Louis. Services were Monday, April 13, at Kassy Mortuary Ltd. in Fairview Heights, with the Rev. Bob Souders

officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Southern Illinois or to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.

Richard Shafer Sr.

RICHARD SHAFER SR., 45, of Granite City died Sunday, April 5, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville. He was born Oct. 30, 1952, in Granite City.

Services were Wednesday, April 15, at Werner Chapel, with the Rev. Brian Caughlan officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Methodist.

Wilson Sherry

WILSON L. SHERRY, 62, of Livingston, formerly of Staunton, died at 4:21 p.m. Saturday, April 11, 1998, at Community Memorial Hospital in Staunton.

There were no funeral services. Memorials may be made to the Family.

Williamson Funeral Home in Staunton handled the arrangements.

Martha Watson

MARTHA J. WATSON, 80, of Venice died April 12, 1998, in Edwardsville.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, April 15, at Sunset Hills in Glen Carbon, with the Rev. William Mullis officiating. Burial was in Glen Carbon. Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

Leon Williams

LEON R. WILLIAMS, 57, of East St. Louis died Monday, April 6, 1998, at the St. Louis University Hospital.

Services were April 10, at St. Philip's Apostolic Church of God in Caseyville, with the Rev. Eugene Cox officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Millstadt. Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel handled the arrangements.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

Illinois has a Good Samaritan statute. This law provides that if medical personnel provide emergency care without a fee, a person injured by that treatment cannot sue the provider for medical malpractice unless there is willful or wanton misconduct. The question recently arose as to whether a doctor who rendered treatment in a hospital setting could avoid liability based on the Good Samaritan statute.

In this case, a young woman was admitted to a Cook County hospital for numbness and pain in her lower right leg and chest pains. She was 37 weeks pregnant at the time she was admitted. After admission, the woman experienced respiratory and cardiac arrest.

A doctor who was attending to one of his patients in the hospital was summoned by one of the nurses. The doctor began respiratory and cardiac resuscitation. The patient's attending physician later arrived at the hospital and administered treatment. Eventually the woman and her child were pronounced dead.

The deceased woman's husband, as administrator of his wife's estate, filed suit against all the treating physicians and the hospital. Included as one of the defendants was the physician who rendered emergency care on a volunteer basis. The

complaint alleged that this doctor failed to recognize the complications and the life-threatening condition of the fetus and failed to order cardiopulmonary resuscitation for the mother.

The doctor filed a motion for summary judgment, alleging that he charged no fee for his services and therefore came within the Good Samaritan statute. The trial court ruled that the Good Samaritan statute exempted the doctor from liability. On appeal, the plaintiff alleged that as a member of the hospital's medical staff, the physician rendering emergency care had a preexisting duty to render assistance to the deceased and her unborn child. The plaintiff further maintained that the Good Samaritan statute only applied to emergencies arising outside of a hospital.

The Appellate Court upheld the decision of the trial court in relieving the physician rendering emergency care from any liability in this situation. The Court pointed out that the Good Samaritan statute clearly applied to a physician who, in good faith and without prior notice of the illness, rendered emergency care without charging a fee. The Court felt that this was precisely the situation in the present case. Thus the Good Samaritan statute is applicable to emergencies arising both in and outside of a hospital.

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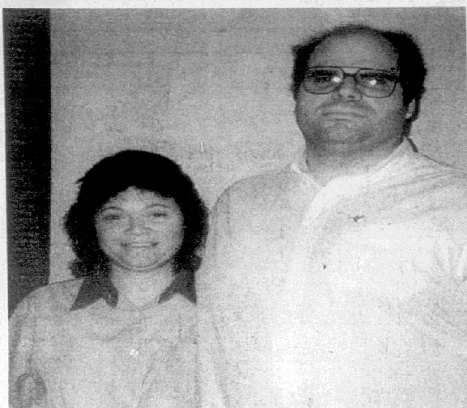
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FAMILY



Jacqueline Lavite and Deron Griffin

Lavite — Griffin

Jacqueline Marie Lavite, the daughter of Frank and Donna of Wood River and Deron John Griffin, the son of Joan Griffin and James Griffin of East Alton, have announced their engagement. Lavite of Wood River is a 1985 graduate of East Alton Wood River High School. She is employed at Edward Jones in Maryland Heights in the micrographics Department.

Deron John Griffin is a 1985 graduate of Granite City High School. He is an auto dealer with St. Louis Auto Auction in Bridgeton, Mo.

They are planning a wedding at 2 p.m. on Oct. 10, 1998, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Wood River, with a reception at 6 p.m. at the Wood River Moose.



Kara Beck and Kurt Kessler

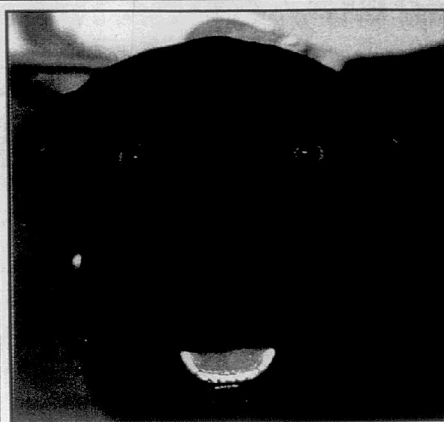
Beck — Kessler

Kara Beck, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Beck, and Kurt Kessler, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kessler of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Beck is currently a senior at the University of Evansville, and will graduate in May with a Bachelors Degree in Bus Admin.

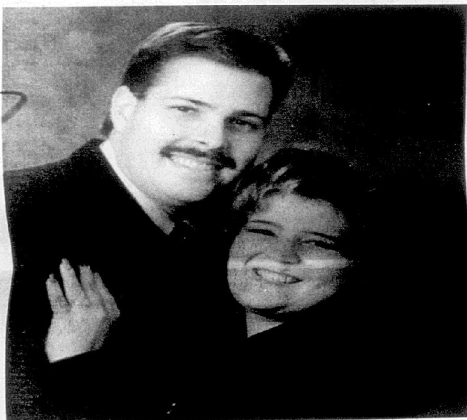
Kessler graduated from the University of Evansville in 1997 with a degree in Mech. Eng. He is employed with Accuride in Henderson, Ky.

They are planning a July 11, wedding at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Evansville, Ind.



JOHN SWISTAK JR. /Herald

Meet "Woody" — Woody, a 1- or 2-year-old neutered male Labrador, is awaiting adoption at the Collinsville Animal Shelter, 298 Simpson Place. He is housebroken, playful and listens well, but needs a large fenced yard. For information on adopting Woody, Card 98-3-091C, or another dog or cat, call for an appointment at 346-5213. Animal adoptions will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The shelter desperately needs donations of dry puppy and kitten food.



Michele Massey and Wyman Hall

Massey — Hall

Michael L. Massey, the daughter of James and Patricia Massey of Granite City, and Wyman C. Hall, the son of Wyman and Norma Hall of Glen Carbon, have announced their engagement. Massey is a graduate of Granite City Senior High School and of Belleville Area College. She is a collections team leader with Health Key Beacon in St. Louis.

Hall is a graduate of Edwardsville High School. He is a CAD operator with Jones Mayer Arch. Firm in St. Louis.

They are planning a Sept. 12 wedding at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Collinsville.



Rochelle Brewer and Michael Clemons

Brewer — Clemons

Rochelle E. Brewer and Michael R. Clemons were married on Nov. 1, 1997, at Trinity Family Tabernacle in Madison by Rev. Mark Skiles.

The bride is the daughter of Kendall and Mollie Beck and David and JoAnn Brewer of Granite City. She graduated from Granite City and is employed by Gateway Truck Plaza as a cashier.

The groom is the son of Raymond and Julie Clemons of Sturgis, Mich. and Brenda Clemons of Springfield, Ill. He graduated from Madison High School and is employed by Granite City Pickling as a Crane Operator.

Sandra Harper attended her friend as maid of honor.



Heather Riggs and Andrew Johnson

Riggs — Johnson

Heather Dawn Riggs, the daughter of Charles and Susan Riggs of Granite City and Andrew Lee Johnson, the son of Johnny and Molly Johnson of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Riggs is a 1995 graduate of Granite City Senior High School in Granite City. She is a Data Processor at Nolan Accounting Firm in Granite City.

Johnson attended schools in Granite City and Austin, Tx. He is a Quality Control Specialist at Capri Sun in Granite City.

They are planning a May 16 wedding at Wilson Park in Granite City.

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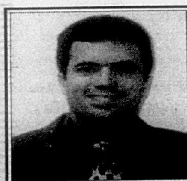
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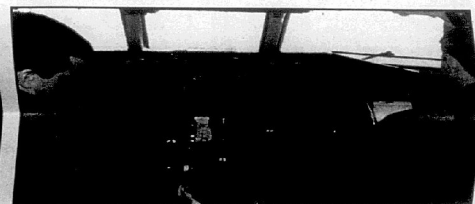


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Clockwise, from top: Airmen haul "wounded" during training exercises ... Capt. Craig Williams and Lt. Dave Lielsen of the 375th Airlift Wing, stationed at Scott Air Force Base, fly a C-9 Nightingale into Alpena, Michigan ... Senior Airman Rich Perkins searches for an enemy during a combat training exercise ... Shane Blevins, Andrew Dietrich and Doc Kim try to revive a cardiac patient ... Angela Meehling and Chris Carter wash down chemicals during a mock attack.



Battle

Air Force units undergo realistic training scenarios

For Richard Perkins of Scott Air Force Base, last week's training exercise in Alpena, Mich. gave him an opportunity to do what he enjoys best — battle.

"I really get into this," said the senior airman. "I try to take it as real as possible."

As Perkins sees it, the more real the exercise, the better prepared he and the American forces will be if it were an actual emergency.

"It's a learning process," he said. Perkins and an estimated 420 others from Scott Air Force Base's 932nd and 375th airlift wings participated in Exercise Crisis Look 98-03 in Alpena.

The exercise simulated the deployment of the 375th Airlift Wing to an overseas airfield battle in a hostile environment.

Col. Thomas Kane, commander of the 375th Airlift Wing, said the exercise tested both airlift wings war-readiness capabilities, and helped them prepare for an actual real-world contingency.

Today, the 375th has 66 people deployed around the world, including Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Bosnia, he said.

Kane said the people who completed last week's five-day, 24-hour training session are proud of what they and the entire unit accomplished.

"But they're dog tired," he said. For instance, the exercises included a mock chemical war attack, which Kane called one of the more demanding scenarios.

"If you think back to Desert Storm and Desert Shield, it was no mistake that the deadline was Jan. 16 (1991) because it's much more difficult to operate this equipment with high temperatures," he said. It does affect our ability to fight."

The weather in Alpena was in the low to mid-50s most of the day.

Kane said the Air Force holds two training scenarios annually. They'd hold more, but they are expensive to put on, he said.

During the recent training session, the airman were tested in many different scenarios. For instance, Air Force engineers had to repair a runway that was damaged after being attacked.

"Timing is everything," Master Sgt. Dennis Hupp said. "In this particular scenario, they had three different craters to fill." Hupp said it usually takes a 16-person crew three hours to fill one crater.

But in this particular scenario, the airman repaired three craters, including one that was 20-feet deep and 20-feet in diameter, in less than four and one half hours.

Kane said the ultimate goal of the training sessions are to help prepare the airman for battle.

"Our goal is to preserve these resources," he said.

**Story, photos by
Mark Hodapp**

Revival set at Pontoon Baptist

Dr. L. A. Shipley conducted the regular health class Monday evening in the class room at his office on Pontoon Road. Problems discussed were headaches/migraines, neck pain, auto accidents, carpal tunnel, low back pain, colic and scoliosis. Refreshments were served to Bill Hayes, Frank Scaglione, Ruth Lelik, Ruby Black, Freddie Wilson, Joyce Hall, Ellie Mainor, Elona Sell, Maxine Green, Dottie Hinkle, Earl and Rose Edmonston, Brian Forsters, Renee Gaskins, C. A. and Tanya McClain, C. A. Attendance prizes were awarded to Leona Bell and Rose Edmonston.

Emmanuel Baptist Church held a parking lot sale and barbecue on April 10 at 1800 Pontoon Road. The proceeds will be used to support extra ministries, benevolence and youth trips.

The Homemakers class of the Calvary Baptist Church held their March meeting in the home of Marge Hatfield. Prayer was given for the prayer requests, followed by a button game with prizes going to Tina Lyons and Carolyn Collier. Class plans were discussed and the next meeting was set for April 16 at Pizza World. Submarine sandwiches, chips, cake, soda and coffee were served to Emily Hogbin, Carrie Lupardus, Janice Collier, Donna Bryant, Betty Gerdes, Louise Sullivan, Carolyn Collier, Sherrill Cline, Kay Anderson, and Tina Lyons.

The Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens met on March 27 in the recreation hall for the monthly Pot Luck dinner. Bingo was played later in the evening by Betty McGinnis, Jerri Schriber, Marie Choleoch, Earl and Rose Edmonston, Lou Trbovich, Bonnie Boenza, Marie Sysmek, Lorraine McIlroy, Charles Kunick, Sylvia Massman, Mary Williams, Harry Martin, Gertie Ashford, Irene Weber, Stanley Golush, George Ann Collins, Elly Mainor, Leona Bell, Florence Stewart, Mabel Kennerly, Virginia Brasfield, Margie Holloway, Mary E. Mize, Everald and Birdie Taton, Corrine Kreher, Ray and Margie Weible, Jackie Trbovich, Harry and Vanna Berkigler, Ruth Dagon, Clorine Ropac, Lorraine Parkinson and Carol Carter.

Pontoon Baptist Church, 4000 Highway 111 and Pontoon Road will be in Revival starting on Sunday through Wednesday. The evangelist is Jesse Powers of South Carolina and music minister is Brian Green of Centuria. Services will begin at 7 p.m. nightly and the children's choir will be in mini concert at 10:30 Sunday morning. There will also be Pot Luck dinner on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.



Maxine Green

Kaylie Redfern has returned to her home in Springfield, after spending the weekend visiting her grandparents, Alan and Donna Redfern.

The annual General Steel Reunion will be held on Saturday, May 2. All former employees and their spouses are invited to join in the fun and get together and remember the happy times and make future plans. Refreshments will be served. Reunion starts at 9 a.m. till noon, in the Senior Citizen recreation hall at 2060 Delmar. Call 344-3797 or Susie at 931-1226 for more information.

The Avion Campaign 10 sales meetings were held Thursday morning and Thursday evening at the Avon office. Phyllis Laster, manager, opened meeting with a welcome to all. New products and plans were discussed. April birthday presents were presented to Elaine Station, Rosemary Ralston, Tommie Moore, Winnie Pointer, and Mickey Strack. Avon anniversaries were celebrated by Andrea Oliver and Chloe Denny. Reaching 1997/98 President Club goals and receiving Mrs.

Albee awards were Eva Spangler, Lillian Ruegge, Donna Johnson and Maxine Green. Honor Society congratulations went to Gena Crowell, Shirley Wilkenson, Tommie Myers won car pool and door prizes went to Connie Miller, Elaine Station and Bridgett Boyer. Fifty-fifty drawings went to Andria Oliver, Maxine Green, Carla Grant, and Eva Spangler. Other representatives present Eileen Duffield, Rosa Lux, Carol Gilland, Norma DeVault, Gladys Templeman, Nicole Harris, Winnie Pointer, Julia Lotzy, Sophia Bero, Cynthia Galley, Nadine Papp, Debbie McElroy, Eula McKee, Lola Voyles, Gertie Ashford, George Ann Collins.

The WMU of First Baptist Church, is sponsoring a baby shower in behalf of New Beginnings, on Thursday, April 30, in the church fellowship hall, 2041 Delmar, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Other church's WMU are invited to participate. The former Crisis Pregnancy Center is in need of sleepers, hygiene products, and all other baby items that a new mother will need. A courtesy call to 876-6373 is requested. Refreshments will be served.

SEMC Unity Advantage members will take part in the "Tastes and Sights of St. Louis," on Thursday, April 23. Classic attractions to be explored are: Ted Drwes for ice cream; Gus's Pretzel Shop; Vitalites bakery for the treats from the "Hill"; Fazz's Restaurant on the "Hill"; for lunch; and a surprise tour

of a new attraction. Call Joyce or Joan at 798-3800 for time and cost and to register.

The Tuesday Home League meeting had Bible Study on Romans 3:23, Genesis 6:22, Genesis 37, 12:13, Phil 2:17-20, explaining what gives you the ability to live a self-controlled life. Joyce was served to Ruth Rupprecht, Beth Pearson, Jeanette Winklemeyer, Darlene Robinson, Geri Bradely, Erenstine Uhn, Margaret Hargis, Exie McKeel, Marie Jaeger, Marge Syerinski, Mary Mize, Birdie Meyers, Evelyn Wimberly, Luzie Sott, Ruth Rupprecht and Dennise Tinsley. "Absolutely" will be discussed at the April Tuesday meeting. Rides are available for Tuesday League meetings by calling 451-0795.

Megan Browkaw of Pilot Grove, Mo., (formerly of Granite City) recently attended the Cooper County Music contest in Prairie Home, Mo. Megan received two 1 ratings from vocal solos, and 1 ratings from both clarinet and quartet. She will now attend the state contact in Warrensburg, Mo. She is the granddaughter of Ed and Phyllis Laster of Granite City, and Lillian Browkaw of Granite City.

Women's care center to open

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

A new women's care center opening in Maryville this summer will handle a variety of medical conditions from having a baby to battling breast cancer.

The Women's Medical Center will be the newest health-care facility to open in the blocks surrounding Anderson Hospital. The two-story 11,000-square-foot center will be built on a site at the intersection of Illinois 159 and Vandalia Drive.

A ground-breaking ceremony has been set for 3 p.m. Friday.

The ceremony will help obstetrician and gynecologist Dr. Tina Gingrich realize a dream to combine health services for women under one roof.

"It's been my dream to provide comprehensive and personal health care for women in one convenient location," Gingrich said. "We hope to counter the present trend of managed health care that tends to send people running all over the place."

Obstetrics, gynecology, and a complete breast center will be among services of the center. Mammography and ultrasound will be done on site by Dugan and Carls Radiology as part of a radiologic diagnostic area.

For high-risk obstetric cases, a perinatologist from St. Mary's Health Center in Clayton, Mo., will be available for on-site consultations.

Gingrich, of Maryville, is a Collinsville native. She founded OB/GYN Associates nearly five years ago. Dr. Marlene Free-OB/GYN Associates nearly five years ago. Dr. Marlene Free-

man, who joined the practice in 1997, lives in Edwardsville with her husband, Dr. Doug Freeman, a family practice physician at Scott Air Force Base.

A third associate, Dr. Christine Midkiff of Roxana, will join the practice this summer.

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